The Easiest Path to Allah

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Baba and Mansoor sit under the shade of a big tree in their garden. Mansoor holds a book, flipping through its pages with curiosity.

Mansoor: Baba, I read today that the Prophet ﷺ always chose the easiest way for people when teaching them about Islam. Why is that?

Baba smiles and nods.

Baba: That is a very good question, my son. The Prophet ﷺ knew that people have different strengths and abilities. He wanted Islam to be easy and practical for everyone.

Mansoor: But some people think being a good Muslim means doing very hard things, like praying all night or fasting every day.

Baba: That is true, but Islam teaches balance. Do you remember the Hadith of Aisha (RA)?

Mansoor thinks for a moment and shakes his head.

Baba: She said that whenever the Prophet ﷺ gave an order, he made sure it was something easy for the people to do. But when some companions thought they should do extra worship because the Prophet ﷺ was already forgiven, he became serious and said, "I am the most Allah-fearing and know Allah better than all of you do."

Mansoor: Oh! So he was telling them that even he, the best of all people, followed a balanced way.

Baba: Exactly! He didn't want people to make Islam too hard for themselves. Allah loves consistency, even in small deeds.

Mansoor: So, if I pray just two raka'ahs of Sunnah every day, that is better than praying a lot one day and then stopping?

Baba: Yes, my son. Allah loves small but regular deeds. It is like this tree. If we give it water every day, it will grow strong. But if we pour too much water at once and forget about it for weeks, it may not survive.

Mansoor looks at the tree and nods.

Mansoor: I understand now, Baba. I will do small good deeds every day and try my best without making things too hard for myself.

Baba smiles and hugs him.

Baba: That is the best way, my son. May Allah always guide you.